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Dear Sir

By your last favor from Bristol some
doubt to be met, and I have not replied some
because I expected you here. I am very glad
you anticipate coming, at the same time I think
if I should accomplish anything here it would
be advantageous to Mr. Arago.

The length of time I mentioned in my application
twenty years, I did not expect to put in a custom
house, I do not think a great thing any state
worth more than the tax I proposed, and even then,
only with it is a monopoly.

There were many considerations too which I did not
think necessary to mention, one was the cutting of
ten thousand dollars a year in the same would
it would be a great saving to the government
to the State, also five thousand a year in a
book or two at the rate of two or three dollars
after, say, three years. I will not say
that any reasonable man will come to give for you

approval of course, and anything objectionable
you can have expunged.

I did not think it worth while to mention any
persons, more than the President and Vice President.
I am satisfied that they have opposites of the
most wealthy men east, and here, and if there
is no government interference they can put
you on a footing there that will wear away.
The "Steamer Occident" will sail on the 23rd for
the Pacific, the "Washington" on this side, and
they run, virtually, under the Lewis & Clark,
as they say they must have something to hide
their ulterior designs.

Whatever their arrangement is with that Co. I do
not know, nor do I intend myself to know,
as all I can see to know is that they agree to do
certain things for us, and if they carry them
out in all our own interest - if they choose to
take up with the proprietors of the Lewis
& Clark grant why that is their look out.
It is said there is no interference with the Treaty, if the

Treaty is ratified there will be no trouble in
gaining access to Nicaragua, indeed the very
clause which they, in their stupidity, propose to
leave out is the one that you are most
interested in having left out, namely, that
the U.S. shall not land, or transport troops
only by the consent of Nicaragua.

It is a very good thing too, that they refuse
the very right which Paulding chose to exercise
in arresting you on Nicaraguan soil, and should
the Treaty be ratified without the clause, they will
then have their rights clearly defined, and can
have no excuse for upstaging them.

I will look for you every day, and sincerely hope
you may come. By the by, the Plaza firm excitement
will assist the Co. in being able to put forward
their schemes. I remain

Your obedient servant
George H. Rowley.

Gen. H. B. Derby N. Y.
In Care of Walter
Aug 6th 1858

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or account, consisting of approximately 15 lines.]